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Hot stove baseball is a great sport and nobody gets hoarse cheering it.

It will be funny if the huge cotton crop does not make silk skirts cheaper.

A contemporary says there are 4,000 poets in this country. Who supports 'em?

An unkissed girl has delivered a lecture on the decline of chivalry. She must be homesick.

There is no question but what it was a tough who assaulted the Chicago girl who lost two teeth in biting him.

Love of animals, says a New York specialist, is a disease. That Newport society circle must be an awfully unhealthy set.

A Bostonian has donated \$100,000 to combat college athletics. Probably it will be used to start chess, checker and playing tournaments.

A Kansas City woman's jury returned a verdict in three hours in a case in which a male jury previously had disagreed. They must have been talked out.

An Idaho feminine jury adjourned court at noon to go home and get dinner. And still there are those who say jury duties would interfere with woman's work.

Two Chicago detectives were obliged to give up after chasing two merry men from workers up and down the skeleton of a skyscraper. They were up in the air, all right.

A Pomeranian dog got stuck in a raincoat in Philadelphia, and a patrolman used a can opener to rescue it. That policeman knew how to get the lid off, all right.

A Chicago doctor says appendicitis is to be treated without a surgical operation. But an anesthetic will be needed to relieve the patient of his bankroll afterwards, just the same as now.

Apparently France is getting ready for the ten-cent vaudeville comedian. One of its savants has prepared a dictionary of the monkey language and made a collection of monkey songs.

A Columbus woman, knocked down by a street car, recovered to find that her deafness of ten years was gone. Quite likely the first thing she heard was an automobile honking for her to dodge it.

The Bronx zoo is the proud possessor of a wild cat that kicks 72 times to the minute. Wouldn't it be a fine thing to stand some of the New York police officials back of it, and see if they get into action?

It is held by a Gotham judge that a man need not support his wife who moves into the second flat of their building and remains there. Must have based his decision on the theory that she was too upish.

One feature of such busts as that which compels a man to push a pen out along the sidewalk for four city blocks, with a sausage, is the probability that the winners will also get jobs helping to run the country.

It is reported that a Milwaukee man has invented a system where he can make milk from Timothy hay without the aid of the cow. An improvement over some milk dealers, who have at tempted to make it out of water.

A Parisian chemist has discovered a dye for dresses that changes color hourly. A time saving device for such city matrons who heretofore have re made their toilettes each hour.

Somebody shifted lead into the place of \$50,000 worth of British sovereigns in transit and England is as much amazed as the boy seeing the rabbit come out of the silk hat.

Suffragists in New York, forbidden to speak at a big exhibition, have invented the "voiceless speech." This idea ought to take them enthusiastically in the average domestic arena.

It is rumored that the dog biscuit a Paterson woman fed her guests were not dog biscuits at all. They were simply her first attempt, and she hit on that excuse to hide her failure as a biscuit maker.

A contemporary reminds us that the English sparrow is largely responsible for the disappearance of the homely blue jay, who had innocently supposed the disappearance of the sparrow had something to do with it.

The starvation of the fly, beginning in the homes of the nation, might appropriately be continued in the markets, shops and other places where the flies naturally think themselves invited to a feast without restriction.

Alleging that he was pricked by a rusty needle in his mattress, a New Orleans resident has brought suit against a local hotel keeper. The only explanation as to how the needle came there is that it was the much mooted one of haystack fame.

A St. Louis boy was struck by an automobile and not injured. The chauffeur should lose his license.

A New York pastor asserts that it is impossible for a clergyman to "maintain his honor on \$1,000 a year." If we rightly understand the meaning of the word "honor," the man who cannot maintain it on \$1,000 or \$500 a year, will not maintain it on \$10,000. If the complainant will substitute the word "family" for "honor," his assertion will have a greater proportion of veracity.

TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE

PROPOSED TAX LAWS.

Conceded to Be Most Important Legislation Before Assembly.

NASHVILLE. The seven companion bills introduced by Senators Bass, Walsh and Pope, regarding the state tax laws, are conceded to be the most important of the fifty-eighth general assembly. These bills were prepared by Chairman T. R. Preston of the tax commission, named by the State Manufacturers' Association. They are far-reaching and in their establishment of a tax commission repealing of the 1911 revenue act, also the act which created the state equalization board, lodging this duty upon a commission composed of three members serving one, two and three years, one from each grand division of the state. The commission will fix the maximum rate of taxes for county and city purposes. A transfer tax must be paid to the tax assessor instead of the county clerk as heretofore. These bills have passed the first reading in the senate and have been referred to the committee on finance, ways and means.

WOMEN WANT THE BALLOT.

Suffragists Appear in Force Before General Assembly.

Suffragists of Tennessee were given the opportunity to appear in a body before the fifty-eighth general assembly to plead the right of votes for women. The meeting was held in the hall of the house of representatives and both the senate and house heard Miss Mary Johnston of Virginia deliver an address on the enfranchisement of women.

Miss Johnston compared man and woman, their parts in life, claiming that on account of the requirements of women they are entitled to equal rights. Under the present system, she claimed that women are taxed without representation. She asserted that women are not treated with justice nor chivalry in the matter of suffrage. She spoke of how poorly men use the ballot. She discussed the corruption of the ballot, urging this as another reason why women should have the right to suffrage, but her chief argument was on the right and justice of the matter.

Her reasons for wanting the ballot were: Because it is to woman's interest to have it; because women are doing citizens' work with their hands tied; because citizenship is human, not a masculine thing. She gave the opinions of several noted men and women on the subject of equal suffrage.

HON. T. S. MYERS NAMED.

Elected Chairman of Caucus Committee of Democratic Members.

Nashville.—Hon. Thomas S. Myers of Hamilton county was elected chairman of the caucus committee of the Democratic members of the legislature. More than 50 members, senators and representatives, were present.

Mr. Myers appointed A. L. Todd of Rutherford, Lon McFarland of Wilson, W. J. Stone of Cheatham, Senator Walsh of Gibson and Senator Walsh of Putnam as members of the caucus committee which will have in hand all party matters with power to call caucuses when deemed necessary.

Create Office of Auditor.

Bills to create a state auditor to serve two years by appointment of the governor at a salary of \$3,000, with an assistant at \$1,800 and stenographer at \$1,000, and to separate the office of state treasurer and insurance commissioner, making the latter an appointive job by the governor at a salary of \$3,600 a year, were offered in the house by Representative Creswell, Republican, of Sevier county.

The bill providing for an auditor requires that he must be at least 30 years of age and furnish a bond of \$20,000. He will have full power to examine the books of all state offices, and must do so once a year and report to the chief executive not later than June 30. The insurance commissioner must furnish a bond of \$20,000.

Indeterminate Sentence.

Representative West and Speaker Stanton introduced a measure which will in all probabilities prove acceptable to all factions. It provides for an indeterminate sentence for persons over 18 years of age convicted of felony. It includes the system of parole for good behavior and takes into consideration the past record and the conduct of the convicted. Under the provision of the bill a person sentenced to life imprisonment may not be paroled until after he shall have served 25 years.

Senatorial Candidates Hostile.

L. D. Tyson of Knoxville, Judge John K. Shields, K. D. McKellar and Col. B. A. Enloe are actively at work among the legislators. James B. Frazier, former senator, is another entry in the race.

Present for Hooper.

Gov. Hooper received by parcels post a huge stable fork from Benton M. Johnson, president of the Tennessee Gideons, with a request to use it until the state capital was clean.

Gov. Hooper answered with thanks and assured Mr. Johnson that he would make good use of the article.

Pension Confederate Widows.

A resolution was passed pledging an appropriation of \$50,000 as pensions for Confederate widows.

Dibrell Asks for Audit.

Comptroller Dibrell sent a communication to the senate asking that a thorough but fair investigation be made of his office and that the legislature appropriate \$3,774.10 to print reports which had been made by his office in response to the demands of the Tennessee Manufacturers' Association and others.

Investigate Offices.

The house joint resolution calling for an investigation of the office of state librarian and state department of education was concurred in.

RIGHTS OF MARRIED WOMEN.

Proposed Law Would Give Them Control of Property.

Mr. Bejach of Shelby introduced a bill to remove disabilities of coverture from married women. The bill has the endorsement of the State Federation of Women's Clubs and the State Bar Association. The bill would abrogate the disabilities which marriage imposes. Under it the women would have the right to make contracts and do such acts in reference to property as they are entitled to if not married. This bill is said to be the first of a general reform of working over the dower and courtesy laws. The next bill to be proposed along that line will probably be one to abolish the right of the husband to reduce the personality of the wife to his possession.

The proposed bill will provide that hereafter the survivor shall take one-third of the property, real or personal, in absolute ownership. Neither will have the right to defeat this third interest by a will. The remaining two-thirds would pass according to present laws governing the distribution.

ENFORCE LIQUOR LAW.

Obion Legislator Would Put City Police Under Governor.

Representative McDade's bill is far-reaching in its provisions. It is an act to create the office of police and fire commissioners in cities having a population of 4,000 and over, and to authorize the governor to appoint and remove said commissioners. There shall be three said commissioners in each city, who shall serve two years each. They are to have power to appoint a police chief, fire chief and all policemen and firemen. The chiefs of fire and police departments are empowered to suspend policemen and firemen for sixty days for failure to perform their duties. Chiefs may be removed by the commissioners after trial, and commissioners may be suspended or removed by the governor upon charges of official misconduct and full hearing. The pay of policemen and firemen and officials in the respective cities is to remain the same as it is at present, or may be changed by the city ordinances. The three commissioners to be named in each city shall receive \$2,000 per year, paid by the municipalities. All acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are repealed by the act.

PROHIBITION STANDS.

Efforts of Legislature to Change Seem to Be Futile.

The regular Democrats in the house insisted on making an effort to get a record of the disposition of the fusionists on the question of the enforcement of the prohibition law. Representative Bryant of Gibson county introduced a resolution similar to the one proposed in the senate. It asked that Gov. Hooper inform the house by special message in return mail of any measure he desired passed which would guarantee the enforcement of the prohibition law.

Mr. Bryant said that he was in earnest. None of the other members placed themselves on record. Several enthusiastic members of the regular faction made speeches, in which they urged the enforcement of the law from Carter to Shelby.

None of the fusionists spoke. Miller of Marshall insisted on a roll call. Every member of the house, with four exceptions, voted for the resolution, and there was a great deal of laughter. The four who voted against the resolution were country prohibitionists, who were used to make a joke of a matter which to them was fundamentally important.

DIBRELL'S REPORT.

Biennial Collections for Three Divisions Are Noted.

The comptroller's biennial report of the work of the state revenue agents for the two years ending December 19, 1912, is as follows:

Eastern division: J. Frank White and Parker Worley. Collections: State, \$52,005.29; county, \$114,901.55; total, \$166,906.84. Middle division: James R. Jetton. Collections: State, \$138,454.92; county, \$120,321.40; total, \$258,776.32. Western division: J. B. Thomason. Collections: State, \$124,338.08; county, \$133,519.53; total, \$257,857.61. Total state, \$312,798.29; total county, \$368,742.48; grand total, \$681,540.77.

For Compulsory Education.

A bill for compulsory education by Senator Fitzpatrick, of Sumner, was introduced. It affects children from 8 to 14 years, inclusive. A fine of from \$5 to \$25 is named for its violation. Senator Baxter, of Davidson, introduced a bill providing for regulation of safety with reference to construction of school buildings. It will receive serious consideration.

Divide the Pie.

The fusionist leaders have decided to separate the offices of state treasurer and insurance commissioner. The office of treasurer will probably go to some member of the independent faction, while the Republicans are claiming the office of insurance commissioner.

Probe Revenue Reports.

When the house met Mr. Miller of Marshall offered a resolution providing for a committee to investigate the admissibility of publishing full reports of the state revenue agents. This resolution followed a petition from the state comptroller, in which he asked that the house take the responsibility of having the full report printed. He estimated the cost at over \$3,000, which he wants an appropriation for. The resolution was adopted.

Legislation Waits.

Indications are that all legislation will come to a standstill until after the election of comptroller, secretary of state and state treasurer. With the candidates for these offices and the candidates for the United States senate endeavoring to postpone action, it may be some time before any bills are finally passed.

First in 25 Years.

W. T. Cole of Knox county will be the first Republican in many years to occupy the position of sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives.

IMPROVEMENT OF HIGHWAYS

WORK WILL START EARLY IN LEGISLATIVE HALLS.

CREATION OF A COMMISSION

Will Also Ask That Small Tax Be Levied on Automobiles to Maintain Department—To Embrace Real Estate.

Nashville.—Good roads advocates in Tennessee are very much encouraged over the sentiment favorable to good roads legislation in the Fifty-eighth General Assembly.

Chas. C. Gilbert, representative from Davidson county, has been at work for some time in drafting bills which he proposed to introduce. "These bills," said he, "have been modeled after road laws in other states and will prove very effective to the people of Tennessee if they become laws."

The first of the three bills I will introduce will be one creating a Highway Department for the state. This department will be composed of three or five commissioners who shall keep in close touch with road conditions throughout the state and who shall come together at stated intervals for the purpose of hearing reports and acting upon such matters as may come before the commission.

"This commission will select a highway engineer, who shall have supervision of the location and construction of all first-class highways throughout the state, working at all times in conjunction with the local county engineers. The trouble in Tennessee has been that the people voted bonds and raised the money, but too often the money was placed in the hands of inexperienced road builders and was not judiciously spent. Should the bill creating the highway department become effective, the State Highway Engineer will assist the local engineers in locating the highways and also in the selection of material for reconstruction, etc."

"The second bill to be introduced will be one to place a small annual tax on automobiles for the purpose of maintaining the highway department of the state. The third bill will be a general road law dealing more directly with the ordinary road, one of the provisions of which is that all road taxes must be paid in cash, thereby doing away with the 'serving in' method of paying road taxes, as is in practice over the state at present, a system which is antiquated and ineffective."

FOR EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

Tennessee Women Would Get It By Constitutional Convention.

Nashville.—Miss Sarah Barnwell Elliott was unanimously elected president at the meeting of the Tennessee Equal Suffrage Association and the office of vice-president for the state at large was created with Mrs. J. M. McCormack to fill the position. A slight amendment was made in the constitution in view of the new state officer. Votes for women without affiliation with any political party of creed was announced as the platform of the association.

Good Woman Passes Away.

Paris.—"Grandma" Ferguson died of the infirmities of old age. She was 103 years old. Her life had been a quiet but intensely religious one and she was an inspiration to all who knew her. So greatly beloved was she that each year her birthday was celebrated by hundreds of people, who gathered in the grove near her home, at which time divine services were held by ministers and a basket dinner and barbecue made the day one of joy and thanksgiving, and to none was it more pleasant than to "Grandma."

Commemorate Battle.

Nashville.—The ninety-eighth anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans was celebrated here by the Hermitage Association with the annual ball. Among the notable women present were Mrs. William Cummins Story of New York, prominent in D. A. R. circles, and Miss Mary Murfree, who writes under the pen name of "Charles Egbert Craddock."

Lake County Quarantines.

Tiptonville.—At a meeting of the Lake County Board of Health it was decided to quarantine against cerebrospinal meningitis. All persons who desire to enter the confines of the county must hold a health certificate not over five days old from some board of health or some recognized physician. Unless accompanied by a certificate each and every person will be barred.

Letor Delegates Marry.

Nashville.—At the closing session of the Tennessee Federation of Labor, in session in this city, Thomas H. Gaun, a mine worker from Soddy, Tenn., and Mrs. Ethel Neely of the garment workers of this city, both delegates, were married by Dr. Carey E. Morgan in the presence of the entire convention in the convention hall.

May Bridge the Tennessee.

Chattanooga.—The question of uniting with the Birmingham & Chattanooga Railroad in building a bridge across the Tennessee river at the neck of Moccasin Bend, or rather of paying the railroad company an annual rental of \$25,000 for the surface use of the bridge is being agitated.

Made Public Highway.

Huntington.—After having lain idle for many years, the Midland Railroad grade has been converted into a public road leading out of Huntington to the western section of the county.

For Tick Eradication.

Solmer.—An appropriation of \$250 was voted by the County Court of McNairy county to purchase necessary medicine to fill all the vates in the county in March preparatory to the beginning of the work of tick eradication for the coming season.

Kill Stray Dogs.

Memphis.—According to a report of the police department there were nearly 2,000 dogs captured in Memphis during the period from July 25 to December 31.

TENNESSEE RAILWAY VALUES

COMMISSION'S BIENNIAL REPORT IS INTERESTING.

Assessments Represents 4,015.99 Miles of Railroad in the State—Commission Has Done Valued Service as Arbitrator.

Nashville.—According to the biennial report of the Tennessee Railroad Commission for 1911-12, the total property valuation assessed by the commission for the past two years was \$99,675,906.67, of which \$81,242,530.46 was the value of the railroad property, \$4,767,861.43 property of the telephone and telegraph companies, and \$13,665,516.78 that of the street railways of the state. The report shows that this assessments represents 4,015.99 miles of street railroad.

The report shows that the volume of complaints filed before the commission during the past two years does not materially vary from the two years immediately preceding, but there was a greater variety in the nature of the complaints. Amounts involved varied from 50 cents to sums beyond estimate and embraced the building of freight and passenger depots at expenses varying from \$150 to a half million dollars.

The report shows that the commission has been enabled to render valuable service to both the railroads and the shippers in settlement of controversies which were formerly a source of injurious agitation. The freight and passenger rates now in effect on the various railroads of the state have the approval of the commission, but whenever there is complaint made of discrimination against individuals or localities against the reasonableness of the rates, the commission takes the matter up, investigates the complaint and renders its decisions of the rates as justice may require.

584 HOOKWORM CASES.

Many Other Cases in Tennessee Were Not Reported.

Nashville.—The report of the year's work in the eradication of the hookworm disease has been submitted to Dr. R. Q. Lillard, secretary and executive officer of the state board of health, by Dr. Olin West, assistant secretary in charge of this work. Among other things the report contains the following:

"This report, of course, can not show all that has been accomplished in the treatment of hookworm disease, because the many physicians of the state have treated numbers of cases in private practice, of which no record is had by the board of health. The 584 cases shown as treated by physicians are those which were reported. Five field men are engaged in this campaign, and they are trying to disseminate information as to the necessity for improved sanitation and about disease prevention in general."

WELCOME TO LABOR.

State Federation Opens Annual Convention at Nashville.

Nashville.—The annual convention of the State Federation of Labor began here with a good representation from the unions over the state. The delegates were welcomed by Mayor Howe, after a prayer by Rev. Carey E. Morgan, and Charles P. Faney, representing the local Trades and Labor Council, told the delegates how glad labor local was to see them.

Losses Insurance Suit.

Nashville.—The court of civil appeals, in the case of the Volunteer State Life Insurance Company against W. B. Bennett, administrator, held that when a life insurance policy provides that the insured cannot recover when he comes to his death while engaged in an unlawful pursuit, an insured when killed while riding as a night rider on a raid, falls under that head and his administrators cannot recover on his policy.

The tragedy involved in the case occurred in Montgomery county during the troubles in the black tobacco district.

Horticulturists Meet.

Nashville.—The annual conventions of the State Fruit Growers, Nurserymen and Beekeepers will be held in Nashville January 29, 30 and 31. This is the eighth annual convention of these organizations in Tennessee. These associations have a large membership and are doing effective work in these interests, for which Tennessee is so well adapted. The meetings are attended not only by persons interested along these lines from Tennessee but many of the adjoining states.

Mayor Opposed to Saloons.

Chattanooga.—Mayor T. C. Thompson has taken issue with Thomas C. Betton, commissioner of fire and police, regarding the police policy relating to the operation of near beer saloons in Chattanooga. Commissioner Betton recently announced that the police department favored the continuance of saloons as at present operated.

Much Lumber Gone.

Clarksville.—A phenomenal rise in the Cumberland river here has caused heavy losses to lumber dealers and shippers in this section.

Ask Pensions for Confederates.

Nashville.—Cheatham Bivens, United Confederate Veterans, adopted a resolution asking that the federal government return to the South in the form of aid to state Confederate pensions the \$60,000,000 collected during the war as a direct tax on cotton, recently declared illegal by the supreme court. The receipts given those who paid the tax have been lost in most cases. The plan for restitution will be submitted to the general U. C. V. reunion before being presented to congress.

Attempted Escape Fails.

Nashville.—Protected by steel breast plates, which they had fashioned while behind prison walls, Charles Burch and Charles Swafford long-term and desperate convicts, made an unsuccessful attempt to escape from the main prison here. A charge of buckshot fired by Guard T. W. Long slightly wounded Burch and put an end to the try for liberty. The men were outside the walls when discovered, having cut the live wire on top of the wall with pinners held in hands encased in rubber gloves.

HOW TO CURE RHEUMATISM

Prominent Doctor's Best Prescription Easily Mixed at Home.

This simple and harmless formula has worked wonders for all who have tried it quickly curing chronic and acute rheumatism and backache. "From your drugist get one ounce of Toris compound (in original sealed package) and one ounce of syrup of Sarsaparilla compound. Take these two ingredients home and put them in a half pint of good whiskey. Shake the bottle and take a tablespoonful before each meal and at bed-time." Good results come after the first few doses. If your drugist does not have Toris compound in stock he will get it for you in a few hours from his wholesale house. Don't be influenced to take a patent medicine instead of this. Insist on having the genuine Toris compound in the original one-ounce sealed, yellow package. This was published here last winter and hundreds of the worst cases were cured by it in a short time. Published by the Globe Pharmaceutical Laboratories of Chicago.

FORMALITY.



"Will you take my card to your sister and tell her I would like to speak to her on a very important matter?"

"You'll probably have to take it up with her secretary."

Collecting Antiquities.

Sloopy received a card on which was engraved: "Professor Bruce, Antiquarian."

He knew no such person, so his curiosity led him to receive him.

"What is your business, professor?" he asked politely.

"I am a collector of antiquities," answered the old man.

"So I imagined. And how can I serve you?"

"By paying a deposit on this little bill you have owed for more than three years."

Personal Privilege.

"You sometimes contradict yourself in your speeches."

"I know it," replied the positive candidate. "And I want you to understand that I am the only man in our party who dares attempt such a thing."

False Alarms.

"They say that Wombat is a genius."

"Nothing to that story. It's a canard. I loaned him a dollar once and he paid me back all right enough."

These Gridiron Days.

Miss Culshaw—Do you like the "Passing of Arthur?"

Mr. Champ—I'm not up on football players. What team is he on?

To prevent Malaria is far better than to cure it. In malarial countries take a dose of OXIDINE regularly one each week and save yourself from Chills and Fever and other malarial troubles. Adv.

The man who consults a beauty doctor evidently has a leaky brain box.

SPIRIT IN TUBERCULOSIS WAR

Nineteen Million Dollars Expended Last Year in Fight Against the Dread White Plague.

Nearly \$19,000,000 was spent in the anti-tuberculosis campaign in the United States during the year 1912, according to the fourth annual statistical statement of expenditures in this movement issued by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. The expenditures during the year for sanatorium and hospital construction and treatment make the largest single item in the total, amounting to nearly \$16,800,000. This is an increase of nearly \$5,000,000 over the same group of expenditures for the year 1911. The anti-tuberculosis associations and committees spent over \$765,000, while dispensaries and tuberculosis clinics spent over \$500,000. Over \$415,000 was spent for the maintenance and establishment of open-air schools and fresh air classes, which is more than double the amount spent for this purpose in 1911. Official, state and municipal expenditures outside of the maintenance of institutions, which are included in the other totals, amounted to \$230,000. In addition to these figures, about \$500,000 was spent by hospitals for insane and penal institutions in caring for their tuberculous inmates.

Mind Reader. First Straphanger—Look out! You're treading on my feet!

Second Straphanger—Beg pardon! I also prefer to ride in a cab.—Judge

Words of the Aviator.

"So you took a flyer in the stock market?"

"Yes," answered the regretful-looking man, "and hit an air pocket."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets, small, sugar-coated, easy to take as candy, regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels and cure constipation. Adv.

Turn on the back-biter and say it to his face.

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